

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. The claims have been amended above to reduce the filing fees, without prejudice.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609 is requested.

Acceptance of the attached formal drawings is requested.

Acknowledgement of receipt of the priority document from the International Bureau is requested.

The applicants' Declaration is attached.

A Notice of Acceptance and early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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